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TOPIC	Soviet Troop Trains		25X1	
EVALUATION	25X1	PLACE OBTAINED	25X1	633017
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CB - Converted Boxcar; B - Boxcar; F - Flatcar

1. The following troop trains passed through the Altruppin railroad station between 23 and 29 March 1954:

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Date in March	Composition of Troop Trains	To
23	7 CB, 4 B, 19 F with 10 tanks and 18 trucks;	Dallgow
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26	8 CB, 2 B, 40 F with tanks and trucks	Rheinsberg
	10 CB, 4 B, 43 F with tanks, AT guns, and trucks	Lindow
	7 CB, 3 B, 38 F with tanks, AT guns, and trucks	Grabensee
27	9 CB, 3 B, 45 F with tanks, AT guns, and trucks	Lindow
	8 CB, 2 B, 40 F with armored scout cars and trucks	Grabensee
	12 CB, 3 B, 38 F with armored scout cars and trucks	"
	7 CB, 4 B, 45 F with tanks and trucks	Rheinsberg
28	9 CB, 3 B, 37 F with tanks, AT guns and trucks	"
	10 CB, 3 B, 33 F with tanks and trucks	toward Loewenberg

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28	8 CB, 4 B, 30 F with tanks and trucks	toward Loewenberg
	7 CB, 2 B, 25 F with tanks and trucks	"
	9 CB, 5 B, 33 F with tanks and trucks	Eberswalde
	7 CB, 4 B, 40 F with armored scout cars and trucks	Kaulsdorf
29	7 CB, 3 B, 48 F with tanks, AT guns and trucks	Eberswalde
	9 CB, 4 B, 42 F with tanks, AT guns and trucks	Rheinsberg
	8 CB, 4 B, 41 F with tanks, AT guns and trucks	Lindow
	5 CB, 4 B, 35 F with tanks and trucks	Bad Freienwalde
	10 CB, 3 B, 35 F with tanks and trucks	"
	9 CB, 4 B, 36 F with tanks and trucks	"
	7 CB, 2 B, 38 F with tanks and trucks	Eberswalde
	6 CB, 5 B, 42 F with tanks and trucks	"

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2. On 26 March, three troop trains were unloaded at Halle.
3. The following troop trains were loaded on 29 March: 3 trains, including 25 heavy-duty flatcars, at Halle; 2 trains, including 27 heavy-duty flatcars, at Halle-Sued; and 3 trains, including 112 heavy-duty flatcars, with artillery units from Merseburg at Merseburg.⁴

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4. Troop trains [redacted] on 27, 28 and 29 March included:

Date in March	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
27	17 B, 38 F	Dallgow	Ziesar
	13 B, 36 F	"	"
28	11 B, 26 F	Velten	"
	10 CB, 2 B, 32 F	Rathenow	Baruth

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29	9 CB, 1 B, 35 F	Jaevenitz	Brandenburg
	10 B, 37 F	Rathenow	Baruth
	10 B, 24 F	"	"
	7 CB, 8 B, 31 F	Neubukow	Rehagen/Klausdorf
	9 B, 27 F	Satzkorn	Baruth
	5 B, 18 F	"	"
	3 B, 18 F	"	"
	4 B, 19 F	"	"
	5 B, 16 F	"	"
	3 B, 14 F	"	"

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5. Troop trains listed in railroad records between 28 March and 1 April included:

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Date in March	Number of Flatcars	From	To
28	117	Altengrabow	Fuerstenberg/Havel
	119	Paulinenaue	Eberswalde
	40	"	Bad Freienwalde
	23	Friesack	Bernau
	67	"	Kaulsdorf
	37	"	Bad Freienwalde
	106	Rathenow-Nord	Baruth
29	31	Bergen	Halbe
	48	Rostock	"
	31	"	Rehagen/Klausdorf
	40	Paulinenaue	Bad Freienwalde
	78	Friesack	Eberswalde

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29	30	Paulinenaue	Bad Freienwalde		3	25X1
	76	"	Eberswalde		3	
	179	Satzkorn	Eeruth		5	25X1
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	18	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Brandis			
April 1	30	Eberswalde	Jueterbog-Altes Lager		5	

6. On 1 April, another five troop trains were loaded at Justerbog-Altes Lager.
7. Troop trains to be dispatched on 1 April included: 1 train from Altengrabow to Veltens;⁸ 3 trains from Altengrabow to Dallgow;⁸ and 4 trains from Wittstock to Altengrabow.²

25X1A1. [] Comment. The troop train probably carried the same tank unit back to its home station which, on 15 March 1954, moved from Dallgow to Altruppin for combat firing practices on the troop train []

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25X1A2. Comment. The movement to the Rheinsberg-Lindow-Gransee area probably included components of the 18th Mech Div, and corps troops of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps from Schwerin. Pertinent observations at Perleberg indicate that, between 22 and 31 March 1954, large contingents of the 58th Mech Regt of the 18th Mech Div were absent, and on 23 and 24 March 1954, contingents of the 2511st Gds AAA Regt (US) and 592nd Mort Regt (US) were entrained. The four troop trains from Altengrabow reported in paragraph 5 of the present report probably carried contingents of the 10th How Arty Brig (US) of the 6th Arty Div and/or contingents of the 44th Army Arty Brig of the Third Shock Army which were to be shipped back from Wittstock on 1 April 1954.

25X1A3. [redacted] comment. The two sources covered return movements of components of the 6th Gds Mech Div, and army troops of the Fourth Gds Mech Army after termination of field exercises which started in the Mirow area on and after 23 March 1954. Indications of this movement were previously reported. [redacted] 25X1 It is noteworthy that most of the troop trains which belonged to the above movement went to Eerswalde, Bad Freienwalde, and Berlin Kaulsdorf, while only the troop train [redacted] 25X1 went to Bernau. As 12 troop trains were used to carry contingents and elements of the 71st Light Arty Brig (US) stationed in Bernau to the field exercises from 20 to 23 March 1954, it is assumed that the units returned by road.

25X1A 4. Comment. On 29 March 1954, probably contingents of the 21st Gds Mech Div were shipped away from Halle; and elements of the 76th Arty Brig (US) of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps departed from Marseburg. All troop trains possibly went to the Naumburg area. On the afternoon of 29 March and on 30 March 1954 another source observed the assembling of troops northeast and southwest of Naumburg and, on 1 April 1954, a movement of troops w/ army units, southwest of Naumburg.

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5. Comment. Troops which, in addition to eight troop trains with components of the 10th Gds Tank Div, were carried to field exercises in the Baruth-Halbe area included: contingents of the 25th Gds RL Brig from Rathenow; a unit of the 3rd Gds AT Arty Brig from Rostock; and a unit of the 4th AT Arty Brig (US) of the IV Arty Corps from Bergen.

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25X1A Comment. On 29 March 1954, another source observed at Brandenburg an element of the 20th AT Army Arty Brig (US) which returned from Jaevenitz.

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7. Comment. Dispatching and receiving station indicate that the troop train of the same division has been dispatched from Sperenberg to Neubukow not before 23 March 1954, further information is needed to clarify the identity of the above unit.

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8. Comment. Troop trains allegedly dispatched to Altengrabow on 26 and 28 March 1954, included: the trains from Dallgow and the trains from Velten.

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The troop trains from Dallgow carried contingents of the 2nd Light Arty Brig. On 1 April 1954, the above units probably returned to their home stations.

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